

REGISTRATION OF DEEDS

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Land Registry in Lincoln's Inn Fields as a separate Government Department, but under the control of the Chief Land Registrar.

The method of registration is by a memorial of the deed offered for registration. This is prepared on a form, copies of which can be obtained of the principal law stationers. It is of a certain uniform size so that it can be bound up with other memorials in a book or file specially provided.

It nominally takes the form of a short abstract or epitome of the deed confined to the date of and parties to the deed and a description of the property affected. It is found most convenient, however, to type a copy of the deed on a special form of memorial provided for applicants who desire to register a full copy of the deed. If there is a plan on the deed, a tracing on linen should be furnished to the registry when presenting the deed for registration. A fee of 2s. 6d. is charged for the registration of each deed presented—in addition to which an Inland Revenue duty stamp of 2s. 6d. or such lesser amount as has been paid on the deed for conveyance duty has to be paid.

The applicant presents his deed and the stamped memorial to the appropriate officer of the Middlesex Registry and fills up a form of receipt for the officer to stamp and hand to him.

The memorial and the deed are kept at the Middlesex Registry about 3 days, after which the memorial is retained in the registry and the deed is returned to the applicant, duly marked with a rubber stamp to indicate that the deed has been duly registered.

Where a mortgage (which has been registered at the Middlesex Registry) is paid off it is not